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SUBJECT: US/BANGLADESH BILATERAL

REF: (A) A-153, (B) GENEVA 4580, (C) GENEVA 7793

1. BANGLADESH DEL (AHMED) CALLED ON US MTN DEL (AMB. MCDONALD/GRAEF) TO DISCUSS ONCE AGAIN HIS PROPOSALS FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED IN THE MTN. AHMED INDICATED THAT HE WAS GOING TO LONDON FOR THE GRAINS NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD BE ABSENT FROM GENEVA FOR 10 DAYS. HE STATED HIS OBJECTIVE IN LONDON WOULD BE TO OBTAIN A US COMMITMENT FOR 50 PERCENT OF PROJECTED FOOD AID REQUIREMENTS.

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2. DURING THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION IT BECAME CLEAR THAT AHMED HAD SENT LETTERS TO ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONCERNING SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED DURING THE MTN SIMILAR TO THE ONE RECEIVED BY THE US (REF A-153). HE HAS FOLLOWED UP THIS LETTER WITH DISCUSSION WITH ALL DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND INDICATES ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT THE EC IS PREPARED TO WAIVE DUTIES ON ALL PRODUCTS FROM ACPS

EXCEPT PRODUCTS COVERED BY MULTI-FIBER ARRANGEMENT. HE HOWEVER IMPLIED THAT EC ACCEPTANCE OF SUCH A SCHEME WOULD BE DEPENDENT ON US ACCEPTANCE. AHMED OPINED THAT HIS SOURCES HAD INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO TROUBLE IN GAINING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH AN APPROACH. WITH RESPECT TO THE JAPANESE HE INDICATED THEY WERE PREPARED TO GO IN WHATEVER DIRECTION THE EC AND US ADOPTED ON THIS QUESTION. AHMED CONTINUALLY STRESSED THE SALUTORY EFFECT SUCH A STEP WOULD HAVE ON THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

3. MTN DEL RESPONDED AS IN PREVIOUS SESSIONS IDENTIFYING LEGISLATIVE CONSTRAINTS TO THE PROPOSALS ADVANCED BY AHMED (SEE GENEVA 4580) AND STATED THAT THE US FOCUS WAS STILL TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF LEAST DEVELOPED ON A PRODUCT SPECIFIC BASIS AND POINTED TO FULL AUTHORITY OFFERS ON JUTE PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO BANGLADESH. AHMED ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE US OFFER WAS GENEROUS WITH RESPECT TO JUTE PRODUCTS BUT INDICATED THE BENEFITS OF SUCH AN OFFER WOULD BE LARGELY TO INDIA AND THUS THERE WAS NO SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR BANGLADESH AS A LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRY.

4. COMMENT. MTN DEL CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD TAKE SOME INITIATIVE WITH RESPECT TO LEAST DEVELOPED IN JULY 15 SETTLEMENT (SEE REFTEL C). ANOTHER IDEA WOULD BE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATION TO CONTINUE GSP BEYOND 1985 FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THIS WOULD HAVE SEVERAL ADVANTAGES: (1) GIVING SOME SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO LLDCS, (2) REMINDING MORE ADVANCED LDCS THAT GSP IS A TEMPORARY PROGRAM, AND (3) INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT OF GRADUATION AS A REALITY. (FULL DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL WAS POUCHED TO LANDE).  
END COMMENT.

5. DRAFTED BY MCDONALD & GRAEF. MCDONALD

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